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## Carlsbad Caverns News Release

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### Caverns Historian Retires After 33 Years of Service

Bob Hoff, historian at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, retired on February 3rd after more than 33 years with the National Park Service, including more than 19 years at Carlsbad Caverns.

Bob began his park service career as a seasonal ranger at Bandelier National Monument in April 1971, and first came to Carlsbad Caverns as a permanent employee two months later. His career took him many places—Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, Washington, DC, Fort Union National Monument, and Fort Smith National Historic Site. Over the years, he wore many hats, including that of park ranger and historian—but is most proud of being a supervisory park ranger for 20 years and the chief of interpretation at two parks. He returned to Carlsbad Caverns in 1986.

To his fellow Carlsbad Caverns and NPS co-workers, Bob says: “Know that I will miss the Caverns, my park historian job, and working with you all, here and in other places. Keep up the great work. Continue to be proud of working for the National Park Service. I am proud that I did and extremely grateful that I had the opportunity to work in the NPS, with people like you, on the NPS mission.”

Bob and his wife Chris, a Carlsbad native, met during his first stint at the Caverns and have three sons—Jeff, Darren and Erik.

A self-professed Air Force brat, Bob attended 17 different schools in 16 years, graduating from Clovis (New Mexico) High School in 1965 and the University of New Mexico in 1970.

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